



**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

TO: All Council Members
FROM: Lauren M. Smelkinson, County Auditor *LMS*
DATE: April 10, 2012
SUBJECT: Addendum to Council Meeting Notes

Please find attached an addendum (MB-5) to the Council Meeting Notes issued April 5, 2012.

This item will be discussed at the April 10, 2012 work session for the April 16, 2012 Council meeting.

Attachment

cc: notes distribution list

MB-5 (Res. 28-12)**Council District(s) All**

Mrs. Almond (By Req.)

Department of Planning

Baltimore County Commercial Revitalization Districts

Resolution 28-12 re-designates and re-adopts the County's Commercial Revitalization Districts.

The Master Plan 1989-2000 originally recognized 11 commercial revitalization districts. These districts were officially designated by the County Council in 1997 (Res. 114-97). In subsequent years, additional districts were designated by Council resolution, and there are now 15 districts.

These districts were once the commercial hubs of the County's older beltway communities and offered a range of retail, service, and entertainment uses.

The districts should be the "front door" to the residential neighborhoods, and help establish the overall image of a community.

Designation of an area as a commercial revitalization district carries with it certain benefits, including eligibility for County programs.

The County's Commercial Revitalization Program was transferred to the Department of Planning in 2011 in order to address the issues of community development and neighborhood improvement in a more holistic fashion.

The Department of Planning re-evaluated the revitalization districts in terms of their zoning classification, mix of uses, ownership, need for building improvements, projects completed and potential for reinvestment and is now proposing to amend the geographic boundaries of the existing districts and to designate a new district, the North Point Commercial Revitalization District.

Resolution 28-12 establishes the following areas as the County's Commercial Revitalization Districts:

- Arbutus;
- Baltimore National Pike;
- Catonsville;
- Dundalk;
- Essex;
- Lansdowne;
- Liberty Road;
- Loch Raven;
- North Point;
- Overlea;
- Parkville;
- Perry Hall;
- Pikesville;
- Reisterstown;
- Towson; and
- Woodlawn

The boundaries for the areas are set forth in the maps attached to the resolution.

This resolution shall take effect from the date of its enactment.